

Minutes of Historical Commission

November 12, 2015

Called to order at 4:30

Present: Members: Mary Reilly, Scott Williams

250th Committee: Bob Barton, MaryEllen Donna, Donald Dermeyer, Kacy Westwood,
Betsy Bean

Entertained the following proposals from the 205th Committee

- 250th Banners will be given to the Historical Commission (HC) with the intent of the commission overseeing their storage and rehangng for as long as they are in good shape. Banners not hung will be offered for sale to interested parties. Money received through December 12015 will go to the 250th Committee and after that to the HC. Betsy Bean offered her assistance. Motion made, seconded and approved
- The House Plaque Project will be taken over by the HC It was suggested that the commission ask the town for several hundred dollars per year to continue the project. MaryEllen Donna offered to assist with this project. Motion made, seconded and approved
- The Historic Tour will be taken over by the HC. The intent is to at least keep the status quo with the possibility of expanding it to include other sites. Motion made, seconded and approved
- Revenue: There will be expected revenues coming in from the sale of 250th memorabilia including the sale of the latest edition of Lanesborough's history. The Library will continue to sell items. Money earned will go to the 250th Committee until its expenses are covered. After that profits will be split 50/50 between the Library and the HC. Motion made to accept any money earned in this way. Motion seconded and approved

It was mentioned that the Passports will be turned over to the Selectmen. No action taken

The possibility of having another "Historical Fair" was suggested. No action taken

The Commission discussed maintenance of the Historical Building. We will attempt to do a thorough cleaning in the spring. We discussed possible UV protection for the windows and energy conservation measures we could take. Scott volunteered to shovel a path to the door during the winter.

The collection is in need of organization. The Commission will meet with Kacy Westwood to discuss this matter further as she has already begun the process.

The Commission will also meet possibly in January when all members can be present to further explore the actions taken at this meeting and plan for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55